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Former Chief to Get New Post, According to Reports

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NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 9.—William J. Calhoun, former acting deputy national prohibition commissioner, announced today that he had received permanent appointment as administrator of the New Jersey enforcement district. He succeeds Captain Edwin S. Ross, with whose administration officials at Washington were said to be dissatisfied.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—William J. Calhoun, at present in charge of prohibition enforcement in New Jersey, will remain permanently in the Newark office, Commissioner Doran announced this morning. He did not say, however, in what capacity Calhoun had been assigned to the office.

Although not disposing definitely of the position of administrator, the announcement indicated that a new post would be found for Captain Edwin Ross, the present administrator for New Jersey. A conference today between Ross and Commissioner Doran was expected to result in a statement confirming his removal from Newark and indicating his future position.

Acting Administrator Calhoun has been in New Jersey three weeks, having been assigned there to straighten out internal difficulties in the enforcement office.

The appointment of Calhoun had been expected for three weeks since he came here to investigate the cause of fisticuffs in which two agents engaged at prohibition headquarters. Captain Ross was in Washington today, conferring with Commissioner James M. Doran as to his future status.

Calhoun said he was appointed by Doran last Saturday. Up to the time of his announcement, no official word of the appointment was given at Washington.

The new administrator said there would be no radical reorganization of the New Jersey bureau, so far as personnel was concerned.

"There will be no sensationalism," he said. "I don't believe New Jersey presents a more difficult problem than any other State. We will attempt to make complete cases against big violators, to present to the district attorney, and will take plenty of time making them. There are many saloons in this district, as indicated by the large number of letters we receive complaining about them. There seems to be also a great number of stills being operated."

"Enforcement of the liquor law is my pet hobby, there will be some revision in the methods used here."

Captain Ross, the twelfth administrator in New Jersey since the office was created, was appointed in October, 1928. He entered the prohibition service in 1926, and that year was sent to New Jersey as inspector in the division of permits, where he remained until his removal from the office of administrator.

AVIS IS APPOINTED TO FEDERAL BENCH

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Formal appointment today of John Boyd Avis, of Camden, N. J., to the United States District Court by President Hoover brought one of New Jersey's foremost barristers to the Federal bench.

Judge Avis served as a member of the State Assembly and Senate and was speaker of the Assembly in 1904 and 1905. He was admitted to the bar in 1898.

In addition to having the endorsement of Senators Edge and Kean, Judge Avis' appointment revealed that he had been sponsored by Judges and attorneys throughout the State. Among them were Judges Runyon and Fake, of the United States District Court in New Jersey; Judge J. Warren Davis, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the third circuit; David O. Watkins, former governor of New Jersey, and former United States Attorney; Alexander Rogers, president of the Gloucester Bar Association; Daniel W. Beckley, former chairman of the Democratic committee; former Judge William T. Boyle, president of the Camden County Bar Association and vice-president of the New Jersey Bar Association; Lewis M. Starr, former Judge of the New Jersey State Court of Common Pleas.

Judge Avis succeeds Joseph L. Bodine, who resigned.

Avis Named to Federal Bench

South Jersey Lawyer Nominated by Hoover to Succeed Judge Bodine

Washington Bureau, NEWARK NEWS.

WASHINGTON—John Boyd Avis of Woodbury, N. J., was nominated by President Hoover today as Federal Judge in New Jersey to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Joseph L. Bodine, who took a place on the New Jersey Supreme Court.

John Boyd Avis, lawyer, business man, legislator, was born at Deerfield, Cumberland County, July 11, 1875. He attended the public schools of his native town until December, 1890, when he took up the study of law in the office of John S. Mitchell at Bridgeton.

He continued his studies for about four years when his residence was changed and he was obliged for a time to abandon them. For three years following February, 1894, he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, first in Philadelphia and later in Long Branch, but he did not change his determination to follow the law as a profession.

In December, 1897, he entered the law office of David O. Watkins of Woodbury, Gloucester County (later president of the Senate and Acting Governor of New Jersey) and in February, 1898, he was admitted to the bar as an attorney, becoming a counsellor three years later. In March, 1900, he was taken in as partner with Mr. Watkins, the firm name being Watkins & Avis.

Legislative Record.

He took an active interest in politics as a member of the Republican Party early in his career as a lawyer. In 1901 he was elected to the Assembly. He was reelected in 1902, 1903 and 1904.

In the Legislatures of 1904 and 1905 Mr. Avis was Speaker of the House. In 1905 he was nominated for State Senator against Thomas M. Ferrell, his predecessor in office and the most popular Democrat in Gloucester, and was elected by 470 plurality, serving in the sessions of 1906, 1907 and 1908. He was then the youngest member of the Senate.

After campaigning in 1912 for Roosevelt, Mr. Avis retired from politics to devote himself to law in Gloucester and Camden counties. He had undivided backing of South Jersey Republicans for the judgeship.

Orders Arrest In Rum Cases

Six Said to Have Ignored Injunction to Stop Liquor Sale

TRENTON (AP)—Angered because they failed to comply with a court order restraining them from selling liquor, Judge William Clark of the United States District Court has ordered the arrest of six defendants in Atlantic City.

The men, proprietors of three well-known establishments at the shore resort, will be arrested today by deputy United States marshals, working under orders from Woodbury B. Snowden, chief deputy United States marshal at Trenton.

The defendants will be charged with contempt of court when they are arraigned before United States Commissioner Vorhis at Atlantic City and each will be held in \$2,000 bail for court. They are Guy Corrado and Abraham B. Allen, proprietors of a hotel at 18 South Kentucky avenue; Claude Mohr, Nicholas M. Crease and John Ordille of the Extra Dry Cafe, 1110 Atlantic avenue, and Lisette Herrmann of 1400-02 Central avenue.

A few weeks ago the three places named were ordered by Judge Clark to stop violating liquor laws, and injunctions were lodged against them. Subsequently an investigation was made by Marshal Snowden and he learned that the proprietors were continuing to break the court order by reopening other sections of the buildings and selling liquor.

Yesterday nine deputies, including Benjamin Browitz, Winner, Smith, Regan, Yeager, Donnelly and Deming, arrested the defendants. The officers were issued with bench warrants by Judge Clark.